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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,
Pastor of the Free-Chh.
Boston

Commission house for the sale of American goods. George
Henry's family reside at Westborough.

You may know merchants in whom you would have
more confidence, in New-York, or with whom you would
prefer to exercise your influence. If so, you would ob-
lige, by giving me their names, and your advice in a gen-
eral way, on the subject. Indeed, should you only give me
some few lines of advice, and the names of all such busi-
ness ^{men} as you are able to place confidence in, one object of
this letter will be accomplished.

I perceive that it is thought that the trade to India
in cotton & sugar must present excellent prospects,
and at the same time may be made of great service
in an important cause. If you can give me the names
of India merchants in New-York or Boston
who would sympathize with me in the Anti-
Slavery Enterprise, you may essentially aid me.

George prefers the dry goods business, but he would have
sufficient energy to go to India as supercargo, and would
be willing to be a clerk for some years. I should be
very thankful to know what you think of this part of
my subject.

I have written this letter with great embarrassment. I am sensible
that my subject may be entirely foreign to your experience. I feel
that I have no right to trouble you. But, if you will reflect
upon the great importance of this subject to a young man about shap-
ing his course for life, I cannot but hope that you will excuse—
that you will aid me.

With my best wishes for your usefulness, your welfare, and
the happiness of all yours, I am, Dear Sir,
Very truly your obedient servant,

Rev. A. A. Phelps.

Lawson Kingsbury

prefer that my son should have a situation as clerk in Boston in some business presenting fair prospects. But to determine what is best for a young man of his years, to find a suitable place, to know the men who are to form his business habits, and shape his character for life, is one of the most responsible & difficult subjects that can be presented to my mind, and compels me to call upon all the assistance in this matter, that I can reach.

Knowing that you are a man of energy & character and sound discrimination, I should esteem it a great favor to a deserving young man, if you would think of this case and cause such inquiries to be made of merchants & business men as you may deem useful.

To give you a little information of the particular wishes & hopes of my son

I will mention the names of some firms who are engaged in the line of business, that would suit him best.

Edwards, Hoades & Co. Lane, Lamson & Co. George P. Blake & Co. Holbrook, Bowman & Co. Kimball, Jewett & Co. Adams, Hornes & Co. & so on.

I want my son should if possible, whether he goes to Boston or New-

York, be placed with firms men, of decidedly good business character in the mercantile community. George will

have a capital from his grandfather to begin business with, but his grandfather's age, infirmities & peculiarities, oblige,

that we place no dependence upon his judgment in getting a place for my son, nor do we permit my father to know

anything about our movements or our prospects. We tell my father when we are ready.

Your friends Rev. Mr. Winslow, Rev. Mr. Rogers, Shuck and others, may be

able to give you, at once, all the information that we need respecting men in the dry goods business. But

I would not have you mention my son's name unless a suitable place is found, and it becomes necessary to introduce him and present recommendations, & so on.

You may know the firm of Denney & Co. That is a

(Confidential.)

Framingham, Dec. 10th 1839—
Lawson Kingsbury

My dear Sir:

¹⁹³ I have for a considerable time thought that a strong hint should be given to all the benevolent societies that our pastor is such a man, & that circumstances have thrown him into such a position, and he has so little hold upon the affections of this people, that they must expect little benevolent effort here, and little pecuniary aid from this church, without constant, & strenuous operations at this post, by their own agents according to their own views & necessities. We have been in the habit of looking to our pastor as the life-spring of all benevolent effort, the nucleus of all religious enterprise. Now, pastor and people must be driven constantly by the lash & the spur.

I am confidentially communicating this to you, I have discharged my own conscience, and trust you will allow me to leave the matter to you, for all such action with others, as the case calls for.

But, Sir, there is another subject, near my heart, of a purely personal character, to which I would avail myself of this opportunity to ask your kind & considerate attention. You may remember having seen my eldest son, George, at Mr. Trask's. George is now seventeen. He does not wish to go to college and is of that sanguine ~~temperament~~ nervous temperament, that is impatient of study. He is desirous of getting in to a store in the French & English goods business, and for such a situation he is thought to be well qualified, and would be as well recommended as any young man in Massachusetts. He has been to the Academy in New-

Spurwick, N.H. this last half year, and is now engaged in teaching a school in that vicinity. Rev. S. Lee has been kind to my son and would I trust be entirely cordial to all efforts that can be made to favor his establishment in life. Rev. Mr. Trask has had some conversation with me on the subject of getting George the patronage & protection of a gentleman in N. York and some eligible situation in that city in the Spring.

For many reasons, I should if possible